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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, 37 CFR §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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To the Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004, the time period for response thereto being set to expire June 21, 2004, by virtue of the Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment, accompanying remarks, and the Combined Rule 131/132 Declaration of inventors Brian G. Fox and Jeffrey A. Haas, submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Exhibits 1-8 are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

A Combined Rule 131/132 Declaration (with attached Exhibit A) is submitted herewith.

A Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time (and the required fee) is submitted herewith.